



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Region: East Asia and Pacific

Income Category: Lower Middle Income



Human capital – knowledge, skills, and good health – empowers people to achieve their potential and drives economic growth. This brief tracks progress by Papua New Guinea in building and using human capital. The Human Capital Complementary Indicators offer a snapshot of human capital investments at four stages of the lifecycle. The figures show the latest available data, benchmarked against regional averages. The figures also report progress over the previous 5 years.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **Neonatal mortality rate.** The neonatal mortality rate is **21** per 1,000 live births (2022), compared to 23 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Participation rate in organized learning.** In 2018, **71%** of children one year younger than the official primary school entry age participated in an organized learning program. This remains unchanged since 2016. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **DTP vaccination rate, third dose.** In 2023, **35%** of infants received the third dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis vaccine. This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.

SCHOOL AGE

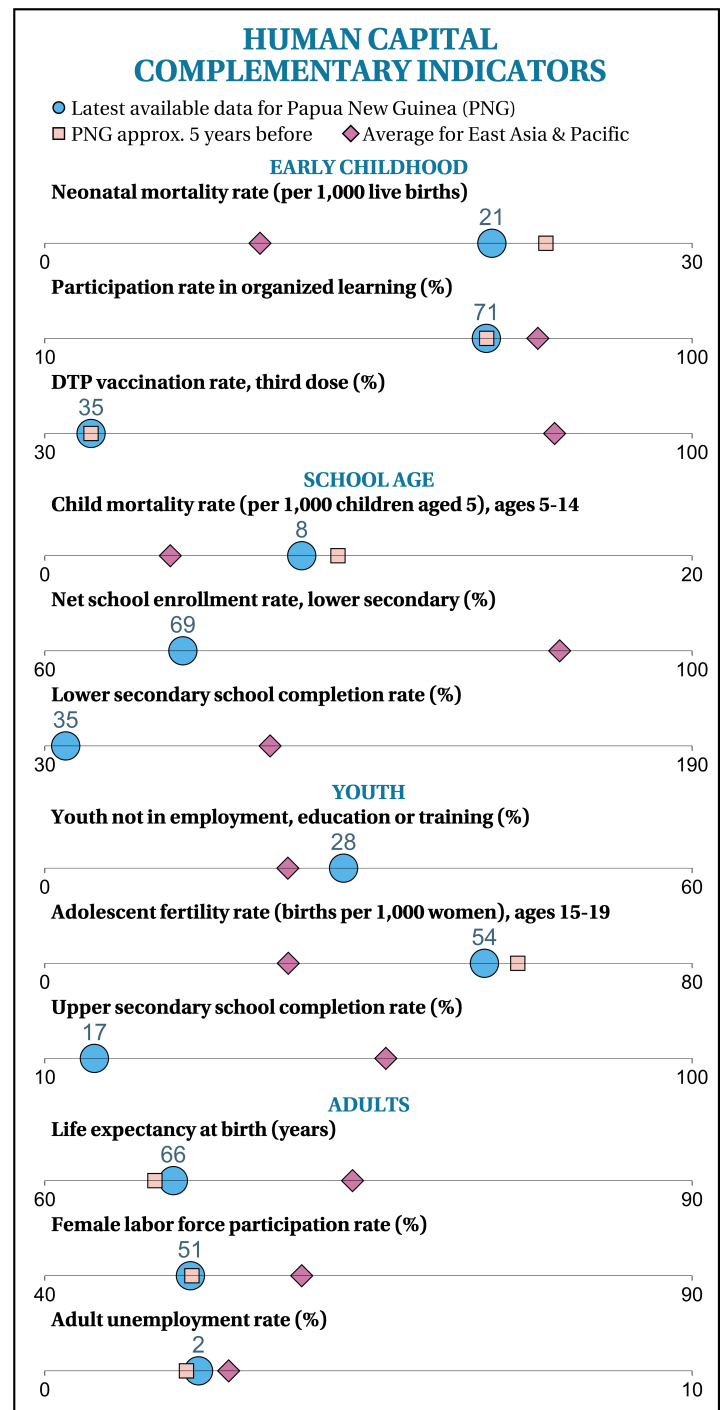
- **Child mortality rate.** The mortality rate for children ages 5-14 is **8** per 1,000 children aged 5 (2022), compared to 9 in 2017. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Net school enrollment rate, lower secondary.** The percentage of lower secondary school-aged children enrolled is **69%** (2018). The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Lower secondary school completion rate.** The lower secondary school completion rate is **35%** (by the official entrance age of the last grade) (2018). The indicator is lower than the regional average.

YOUTH

- **Youth not in employment, education or training.** In 2022, **28%** of youth (ages 15-24) were not in employment, education or training. The indicator is higher than the regional average.
- **Adolescent fertility rate.** The number of births for every 1,000 women ages 15-19 is **54** (2022), compared to 58 in 2017. The indicator is above the regional average.
- **Upper secondary school completion rate.** The upper secondary completion rate is **17%** (at ages 3-5 years above the intended age for the last grade of that level) (2018). The indicator is lower than the regional average.

ADULTS

- **Life expectancy at birth.** Life expectancy at birth is **66** years (2022), compared to 65 in 2017. The indicator is lower than the regional average.
- **Female labor force participation rate.** Female labor force participation as a percentage of the female working-age population (ages 25+) is **51%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is below the regional average.
- **Adult unemployment rate.** Unemployed adults as a share of the adult labor force (ages 25+) is **2%** (2023). This remains unchanged since 2018. The indicator is lower than the regional average.



Note: Missing symbols indicate internationally comparable data are not available to generate the corresponding statistic.

